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SUBJECT: TRAVEL BETWEEN ISRAEL AND JORDAN

1. WALTER SMITH REQUESTS REV JOHN HARPER, RECTOR OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH LAFAYETTE SQUARE, WASHINGTON, BE INFORMED OF FOLLOWING.

2. HARPER LETTER OF APRIL 9 INDICATING HE DEPARTING US APRIL 25 AND PLANNING ARRIVE ISRAEL MAY 24 TO SEE SMITH, THEN VISIT JORDAN AND RETURN TO ISRAEL FOR COLLEGE COURSE IN JERUSALEM, ARRIVED IN EMBASSY ONLY APRIL 18. UNFORTUNATELY, NEW JORDANIAN REGULATIONS REQUIRE THAT TOURISTS VISITING JORDAN WHO USE JORDAN RIVER BRIDGE TO ENTER JORDAN MUST EXIT BY ANOTHER ROUTE, MEANING THOSE WISHING TO RETURN TO ISRAEL MUST FLY FROM AMMAN TO NICOSIA AND BACK TO TEL AVIV AT GREAT EXPENSE.

3. SMITH HAS DISCUSSED PROBLEM WITH HEADMASTER WILKINSON OF ST GEORGES COLLEGE JERUSALEM, WHO SEES NO SOLUTION; REST OF COURSE PARTICIPANTS FLYING TO AMMAN FROM ABROAD. FROM WILKINSON DESCRIPTION OF JORDAN PORTION OF COURSE, THIS IS A MUST. SMITH DELIGHTED IF HARPER PREPARED COVER ADDITIONAL EXPENSE OF AMMAN- NICOSIA- TEL AVIV FLIGHT TO CATCH UP WITH GROUP AFTER JORDAN PROGRAM -- AND OBTAIN SECOND PASSPORT TO VISIT ISRAEL FIRST -- BUT WILL FULLY UNDERSTAND IF HARPER FEELS HE SHOULD SCRATCH CONTEMPLATED VISIT TO TEL AVIV BEFORE COURSE COMMENCES IN JORDAN. INTERESTED PARTY.
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